

CONSERVATIVE TENDENCIES OF THE COLORED VOTER.

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The negro has shown his conservative tendencies as manifested in his attitude as during slavery, when he stood by and protected and provided for the wives and children of Confederate soldiers while they were in prison. He has shown that the conservative party have been truly conservative and had he observed the conditions under which it was placed, he would have supported the party that was the champion of the Nation and State, it is not impossible to-day there would exist more or less divisions among the colored people, but the majority of the white people voting the way the negro now votes for the Republican party as the only party that would conserve the rights of the colored people for the past twenty years. Let the Democrats party of Virginia and the South cease its warfare upon the colored people and quit its efforts to hostilities to the public schools—the only means the negro has for improvement and advancement—let it deal with him as a man, and not as a child, and let him expand, a moral and intellectual being to be elevated and fitted for the better uses of life—and it may then consistantly be said that he has advanced as far as he could. But so long as the conservative party maintains a disposition to abuse and discriminate against the colored man with whom he is a member guaranteed rights, to mock him with a false promise of freedom, it will be natural for the negro to vote against it.